(f) if so, how the difference arose

(g) has the Government incurred any loss on account of this difference; and if so, who is responsible for the loss?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The cubical contents of the toplings sold are :—

cds. 1513—23—23·- $4\frac{1}{4}$ and

,, 2091—1—8—$7\frac{3}{4}$.

(c) Rs. 22 and Rs. 11 a candy respectively.

(d) Some toplings were remeasured by the Conservator of Forests on the representation of the firm.

(e) The Comptroller of Accounts does not make or record any measurement of timber.

(f) and (g). In view of the reply te (e) above no answer is necessary.

607. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any teak toplings were sold to Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetti & Sons; what is the measurement of the toplings so sold and what the rate charged for these;

(2) were the logs, sold under the above contract, remeasured by the Conservator of Forests; if so, what was the difference in the measurement and what was the amount of money reduced on accounts of this difference;

(3) whether any departmental audit was made regarding this particular contract; and if so, will the Government be pleased to state the result of such audits?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(1) The Member is referred to the answers to sub-divisions (a), (b) and (c) of question No. 606.

(2) Some toplings were remeasured by the Conservator of Forests on the representation of the firm. The other information required cannot be supplied now.

(3) No audit was made regarding any special contract.

608. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any teak toplings were sold to Messrs. T. Namberumal Chetti & Sons; what is the measurement of the toplings so sold and what is the rate charged for these;

(2) were the logs, sold under the above contract, remeasured by the Conservator; if so, what was the difference in the measurement and what was the amount of money reduced on account of this difference;

(3) whether any departmental audit was made, regarding this particular contract; and, if so, what was the report of the audit staff?

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